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Sen. McManus: Governor's promise-kept severs economic lifeline for Lake County residents

LANSING – The governor's veto of funding for the Michigan Youth Correctional Facility in Baldwin, while not surprising, is still devastating, said Sen. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau. McManus issued the following statement on the veto:

"This governor has been steadfast in her determination to close the Baldwin prison and eliminate the jobs and economic benefits it provides to Lake County and the surrounding area. Despite the outcry from the community and the hard work done by the Legislature to find other savings in the Corrections budget, she refused to consider any alternatives. Even a projected bed shortage in the Michigan prison system was not enough to keep her from closing this prison.

"This is just one more example of how the governor has turned her back on the residents of Northern Michigan. Now that she has taken this action, I challenge her to come to Lake County and explain her decision to the people whose lives it affects. I think it's the least they deserve."

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